



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

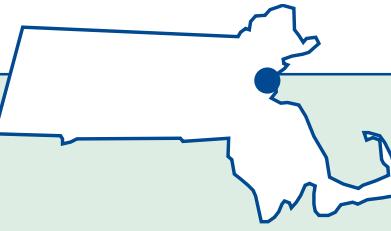
## Chelsea, MA

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Chelsea was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in a historically industrial area outside Boston, Chelsea (population 35,080) is a two-square-mile, densely developed city. From 1990 to 2000, Chelsea's population increased 22 percent, with Hispanic residents now comprising 48 percent of the total population. The number of Chelsea residents living in poverty has increased to 23.2 percent. A city study completed in 2005 indicates that many of the most developable sites in Chelsea are underused because of perceived or actual environmental contamination. The cleanup site targeted by the city is part of a larger, 5.4-acre redevelopment project. Redevelopment of the site with an office building will retain 70 full-time jobs and add another 25 jobs over



### Cleanup Grant



#### \$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Chelsea for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the two-acre former Lawrence Metal Forming Company site at 145-155 Beech Street in the city's Everett Avenue Urban Renewal Area. The site is contaminated with PCBs and heavy metals. Grant funds also will be used for community involvement activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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five years. In addition, the new office building will contribute \$14 million of new tax revenue to the city.